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From: Fugh, Justina [Fugh.Justina@epa.gov]
Sent: 1/7/2021 3:28:59 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Payne, James (Jim) [payne.james@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: info on the AAW portrait

Got it! Thanks!

From: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 07, 2021 9:50 AM
To: Fugh, Justina <Fugh.Justina@epa.gov>; Payne, James (Jim) <payne.james@epa.gov>
Subject: info on the AAW portrait

Justina .. the Administrator is planning to pay for the portrait himself/personally.

Thanks ng

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Subject: RE: could you give me a call -- I need information on the Administrator portrait oil painting issue -- donating to GSA etc

Nancy,
OGC's finance and ethics offices will be responding to your email about *how* the US Government may be able to accept a portrait once painted. For that, we will be conferring with our friends in facilities.

But in order for me to provide advice, I really need to understand the "origin" story here. Is someone offering already to pay for the portrait and, if so, who? Did an EPA employee solicit the idea or the donor? Will there will be a fund established to which people may make donations? Is that fund already established and, if so, is there active fundraising? My concern, of course, is that federal employees – while they are still employees – cannot fundraise with reference to their positions or titles, so any active fundraising now would be problematic. Moreover, any donations now may be considered impermissible gifts to the Administrator that he may also have to report on his financial disclosure report.

With whom can I speak to get more information about this idea, how it came to be, and whether a fund or

donor is already established?

Justina

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Subject: RE: could you give me a call -- I need information on the Administrator portrait oil painting issue -- donating to GSA etc

Hi --

Administrator Wheeler is looking for something in writing from the agency indicating that if he were to have an official portrait/painting done – the agency will definitely accept the painting (per the guidelines below). Who can provide that? We would need it prior to January 20, 2021.

Thanks ng

From: Jackson, Yvette <Jackson.Yvette@epa.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 4:19 PM

To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: could you give me a call -- I need information on the Administrator portrait oil painting issue -- donating to GSA etc

Hi Nancy,

I'll call you to discuss but the instructions are shown below.

1. The donor gifts the asset to the agency;
2. The Office Director or above notifies Justina Fugh and Steve Blankenship (RPSD);
3. RPSD researches/determines/verifies the netbook value;
4. RPSD notifies GSA and sends the title/appraisal;
5. GSA records it in their property records;
6. EPA asks for it back by completing the loan request and transfer it electronically back to the agency.

While this is happening, it is possible for the asset to remain in place.

Thanks,
Yvette

From: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>

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Also .. see below .. fyi .. need info asap thanks ng

INTERIOR

Zinke portrait makes a hushed entrance

Michael Doyle, E&E News reporter

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The Interior Department will unveil a formal portrait of former Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke at the department. Zinke is pictured here, flanked by the U.S. Park Police, riding to his first day at work on a horse named Tonto. @BSEEgov/Twitter

The Interior Department today was set to quietly unveil the official portrait of former Secretary Ryan Zinke.

In a markedly low-key event planned for this afternoon, officials are set to welcome the Zinke portrait to the department headquarters he vacated at the end of 2018. The painting by award-winning Montana-based artist Brent Cotton captures part of Zinke's nearly two years in the Trump administration.

"The painting features elements of his tenure as 52nd Secretary of Interior," one former department official said, text-messaging on condition of anonymity.

Raised on an Idaho cattle ranch and now a self-described avid outdoorsman, Cotton lives in the Bitterroot Valley of Montana, the state Zinke formerly represented in the House for one term before being tapped to be President Trump's first Interior secretary.

Interior spokesperson Ben Goldey said, "Secretary Zinke's official portrait was funded by private donations and accepted into Interior's collection as a gift."

The Eliminating Government-funded Oil-painting Act, signed by President Trump in March 2018, allows Cabinet secretary portraits but requires them to be privately financed.

"The President, Members of Congress, and heads of agencies are free to raise money for their portraits as they see fit. This cost should not be paid by the American taxpayer," a House committee report stated.

Zinke's portrait was unveiled one day after a portrait of former Energy Secretary Rick Perry was presented at Department of Energy headquarters. Perry, who left office last December, returned to Washington for the unveiling.

The portrait will "hang at DOE for years to come," Energy Secretary Dan Brouillette said via Twitter. "Thank you Rick, for your outstanding service to our department and nation!"

Perry, in an Instagram post, thanked DOE "for a wonderful unveiling of my official portrait." He called it a "great work of art" by Kenneth Turner ([*Energywire*](#), Dec. 8).

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